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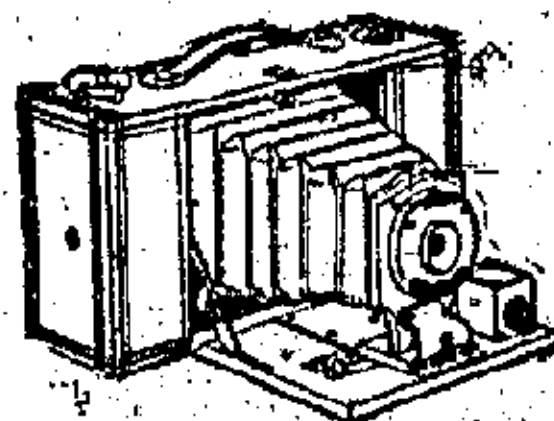


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ENCOURAGED by their success in having persuaded the Throne to curtail the period of preparation for a Parliament, the Assembly at Peking is now approaching the Throne to abandon another resolve which has been, on more than one occasion, reaffirmed. Our Peking correspondent telegraphed yesterday that the National Assembly is asking the Throne to grant an amnesty to the Reformers who fled from the Throne's wrath in 1898, when the late EMPRESS-DOWAGER by a coup d'etat resumed her control of the affairs of the State, relegating to the background the EMPEROR KWANG HSU, and awarding the death penalty to the reformers who had so completely converted him to their political doctrines. This amnesty would affect only two or three men, for, on the occasion of her seventieth birthday (1904) the late Empress-Dowager promulgated a general amnesty for all who had taken part in the Reform movement of 1898, excepting only the leaders K'ANG YU WEI and LIANG CH'IAO, who were expressly excluded from grace, and Dr. SUN YAT-SEN, who is a fugitive from justice on other counts. We may suppose also that the case of YUAN SHIH KAI is intended to be covered by the amnesty the National Assembly is now asking for. In the

very informing book by Messrs. BLAND and BACKHOUSE, recently published, under the title of "China under the Empress Dowager" we have the story of the Reform Movement set in some respects in a new light. At the time when KANG YU WEI fled to Hongkong from the vengeance of the Empress-Dowager he was regarded as a high-souled patriot against whom nothing, base or sordid could justly be imputed; but the authors of this important contribution to history say that in the light of later knowledge and of almost universal Chinese opinion on this subject, "it is difficult to acquit KANG YU WEI of personal and interested motives, of a desire to wield power in the State as the result of his influence over the Emperor, whose emotional pliability he made to serve his own ends." Looked at in this light, they say his denunciations of the EMPRESS-DOWAGER and JUNG LU were evidently less the outcome of patriotic indignation than of his recognition of the fact that so long as TAO HSU remained in power, his ambitions could never be achieved nor his own position secured. That, so far as it goes, is doubtless true enough, but such personal ambitions as KANG YU WEI had were evidently inspired by patriotic motives, and correct that he alone had a sufficient knowledge of European science to direct and develop the reformation which he had persuaded the Emperor to initiate. His fatal error was in persuading the Emperor that it was necessary to the success of the movement to put JUNG LU to death, and to seize and imprison the Empress Dowager. YUAN SHIH KAI, whose apparent genuine zeal for reform had greatly impressed the Emperor, was given command of a large force of troops, and in a secret audience the Emperor gave him the details of the commission, with which he had decided to entrust him. YUAN promised faithful obedience, but on leaving the palace set out on once for Hientsin and acquainted JUNG LU with the full details of the plot. JUNG LU lost no time in revealing it personally to the Empress-Dowager, and the coup d'etat swiftly followed. All the leading reformers who could be seized were executed. KANG YU WEI made good his escape, but the authorities were ordered to secure his arrest and to see that capital punishment was inflicted. The death penalty was also awarded to KANG's colleague, LIANG CH'IAO, a scholar of the highest repute, who found a refuge in Japan, and there edited a newspaper which is described as of "high and well deserved reputation." KANG YU WEI, we believe, has spent most of the last twelve years in Mexico, but has all the while continued to take an active interest in the reform movement in China, and has done all he can to promote it through the organization he created and by the establishment of newspapers. Since the débacle of 1898 he has had the satisfaction of seeing his reform movement progress to an extent which must have far exceeded his highest expectations. What twelve years ago were accounted the impractical dreams of a fanatic are now State policies in China. But the memory of the plot to get rid of the Empress-Dowager is probably much too green yet in the minds of the Yehonala clan to warrant the expectation of a free pardon from the Throne for the instigators now in exile.

The German mail of the 16th November was delivered in London on the 13th inst.

The new cricket ground at Yokohama, for the joint use of Japanese and foreigners, is expected to be opened about June next.

At the Magistracy yesterday Ko Choi Po appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax on a charge of obtaining \$6,500 by fraud. He was remanded.

The Shanghai Mercury states that the German Emperor has conferred a high Order on Tai Nai Huang, ex-Taipei of Shanghai, and His Majesty has also bestowed decorations on Colonel Liu of Nanking, Mr. Kwan Chup, Director of the Office of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Chen Shekwang, Secretary to the Shanghai Taotai.

Mr. Ch'ong Ching-yi, who was elected by the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh to be China's representative on the permanent committee, has just been ordained in Peking to the pastorate of the London Missionary Society's church in the Chinese capital. This position has always hitherto been filled by missionaries from England, including Dr. Edkins. Mr. Ch'ong Ching-yi was born 30 years ago in Peking of non-Christian parents, but the whole family becoming Christian, he was educated at the Peking and Tientsin schools of the London Mission, and afterwards for two years in Glasgow. He assisted the Rev. George Owen in revising the Mandarin version of the Chinese Bible. For the last two years he has been carrying on evangelistic work in his native city.

Cherry Tree, one of Mr. E. H. Marshall's ponies, won the race for the Champion Cup at the Pochoo race meeting yesterday.

At about 1.30 p.m. yesterday the fire alarm sounded, and the Fire Brigade, answering the summons, proceeded to the Grand Carlton Hotel in Lo House Street. There they found a kitchen chimney on fire, caused by the overheating of a flue. The outbreak was soon extinguished.

Yokohama papers announce the death of Mr. Carl Bretschneider, founder of the firm of Bretschneider & Co. He came out to Japan in 1888. Owing to ill-health he retired from business last year. He was a successful merchant and acquired considerable property, some of which is in Japan. Mr. Bretschneider died at his residence, Sagiyama, from heart failure. He was 49 years of age and leaves a widow and four children, who are now in Berlin.

The death is reported of the Rev. J. D. Davis, D.D., of the American Board of Missions, one of the pioneer missionaries to Japan. Deceased left Japan in 1861 to attend the Missionary Conference at Edinburgh and from Great Britain went to the United States. He spent the summer with friends in Maine; during that time chronic heart trouble became acute and the end came peacefully in the home of relatives at Oberlin, Ohio, on November 5th.

It is reported that the High Commissioners of Naval Construction, Prince Tsai Hsien and Admiral Shao Chen-ping, have decided that Wei-hai-wei and Kiaochow should be redeemed and turned into naval bases, and that they called at the German Legation to discuss the matter as far as it affects Kiaochow with the German Minister and the Governor of Tientsin. The Naval Commissioners have proposed to construct docks for the building of men of war and to purchase the necessary plant and machinery from abroad next spring. Naval Colleges will be opened at the same time.

It is reported, says a Shanghai contemporary, that the Chinese Government is proposing to install wireless telegraph apparatus at least on the coast, and ultimately throughout the Empire, in the former case to convey messages when the present lines get out of order, and in the latter case to provide a cheaper service than that obtainable by land lines. The idea is to have stations every two or three hundred miles apart along the coast, and to install in all the provincial capitals throughout the Empire. It is evident that something is expected, as several experts are now in China endeavouring to get the work. The German system, the Telefunken, is already installed in one or two places besides Shanghai, and the same company is said to have received orders to erect plants in Nanking and Peking in order to demonstrate the efficiency of its apparatus.

We are informed by the Societe d'Aviation d'Extrême Orient, whose offices in this Colony are at No. 38, Queen's Road Central, that their principal, the Marquis de Villeneuve, the celebrated French aviator, will shortly visit the Colony with his flying machines. The Marquis is due in Saigon in a few days, where he will join Van den Born, the renowned Belgian aviator, and proceed to give exhibitions in the art of aerial flight. These gentlemen have with them Blériot and Farman and possibly other types of flying machines. They intend visiting the South Coast ports and will arrive in this Colony about a month hence, when the Hongkong public will, for the first time, be given an opportunity of witnessing these vessels capering in mid air. We understand exhibitions of straight, circular, high and distance flight will be given, and probably, if sufficient public interest be evidenced, we might also see racing contests in mid-air.

THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

AN APPEAL.

The Superiors of the Italian Convent in Hongkong is issuing the following appeal:—Recent events in a neighbouring field of labour of the Canadian Sisters of Charity, who had been established in the district since 1875, have led to the closing up of the institution, which had been maintained as a day and boarding school and foundling home, while the "Sta. Enfantia" Institute is being carried on for the care of the aged invalids.

The greatly regretted event is accountable for a considerable augmentation in the number of inmates who have had to be housed partly in the central house of the Convent in Caine Road, and partly in the district establishment at Hingmou.

The exact number for whom provision has had to be made since the first week in December is as follows:—

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(Chinese)	7
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Chinese Boys	3
Total	129

It does not require many words to explain that, besides the cost of removal to Hongkong, the bare daily necessities for the maintenance of such a large number of people entail an expenditure as wholly unexpected as the Convent is without immediate resources to meet.

We are, therefore, driven to the urgent necessity of appealing to your generosity for assistance. We are conscious that the season of year is not opportune for demands upon the purses of Hongkong residents; but we are left without any option and the urgent nature of our needs impels us to have recourse to your charity ere at the risk of so rapidly impeding our work. We hope to be excused. No donation is too small. However inconsiderable the amount, it will help to provide the daily sustenance of the hundred odd persons in whose behalf we venture to appeal.

ACTION AGAINST A PAWNBROKER.

STORY OF A DIAMOND RING.

At the Magistracy yesterday Inspector Langley proceeded against a pawnbroker for failing to keep proper books.

Inspector Langley informed his Worship (Mr. E. R. Hallifax) that on the 9th December a diamond ring valued \$315 was pawned in the Ki Hing pawnshop for \$50 by a man who is alleged to have stolen it. The pawnshop was reported to the Water Police on Friday about 10 p.m. and the notice to pawnbrokers was sent out the following morning, yet though the description was very minute the defendant did not return the ring, and it was not until a Chinese detective examined the books that he saw an entry which corresponded to the description of the ring reported lost. The ring was then produced. Moreover, the defendant failed to identify the man who had pawned the ring. The examination of the books also showed that they did not comply with the Ordinance inasmuch as the address of the borrower was not entered. In view of the fact that the ring was pawned for \$50 he would ask his Worship to order the ring to be returned to the owner without compensation to the defendant.

Mr. Shenton, who appeared for the defendant, tendered a plea of guilty and explained that the ring was pawned by an American sailor in the name of J. J. Smith of the *Wilmington*. As the defendant could not write English he asked the pawnshop to write his name and address on a piece of paper. This he did, and this paper was attached to the ring and an entry made in the book to the effect "see proof." He pointed out that it was as difficult for a Chinese to recognise a European as it was for a European to recognise a Chinaman.

His Worship—But it is a pawnbroker's business.

Mr. Shenton explained that the defendant was absent when the notice was served and that was why no attempt had been made to return the ring to the police.

On the application that the ring be returned to the owner, J. J. Smith, the witness's mate on the *Wilmington*, identified the ring as his. He bought it for \$315. He missed it on Friday. He kept it in a chest on the forecastle. It was not locked and was accessible to anybody. He thought somebody must have seen him put the ring there.

His Worship said the ring would have to be redeemed at full value. Applicant should look better after his ring.

His Worship registered a conviction on a technical offence against the defendant and dismissed him with a caution.

POLICEMAN CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBES.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon Indian police lance-sergeant Hakim Singh was charged on five counts with accepting bribes from Chinese hawkers.

Mr. P. F. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, prosecuted, and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Wodehouse informed the Court that the defendant was charged with accepting a bribe of twenty cents on the 8th instant from a Chinese hawker. In consequence of complaints made to the police that the defendant was taking money from hawkers, instructions were given to the first complainant that if the defendant went to him to get money he was to give the policeman marked money. On the 8th when defendant asked the complainant for money he was given a marked twenty cent piece. The second witness to be called also gave the defendant a twenty cent piece, which he marked. After handing over the marked twenty cent pieces both hawkers made a report at the Central Police Station. When the defendant returned off duty at 2 p.m. and went to the charge-room, Inspector Marston asked him if he had any money. Defendant said, "Yes, forty cents." He was then asked if he had it when he went out, and he said he had. The inspector, on searching the Indian, found the two marked twenty cents, and took them; the defendant and the hawker to Mr. Wodehouse's office. There both hawkers picked out the coins they had marked from among five others. There was no money in the case of the other three charges, but on the third charge corroborative evidence would be adduced by another witness as well as the complainant.

His Worship—Are you asking me to send him to the Sessions or not, Mr. Wodehouse?

Mr. Wodehouse—I think not, your Worship.

Mr. Potter also desired that the defendant should be dealt with summarily.

Evidence was called, and the hearing adjourned.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN SEOUL.

The Seoul Press gives the following account of the observance of St. Andrew's day at Seoul:—Loyal Scots in Seoul and Chempulpo determined to do honor to their patron saint on Wednesday last by giving an invitation dance to other westerners not born within the pale, and very successful they were, for a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by their guests in the former Customs House offices in Little West Gate Street, which under the able management of the board committee were transformed from bleak loneliness into an abode of light, warmth, attractiveness and hearty hospitality.

The Korean Household Band was in attendance, and the way in which it rendered the selections undoubtedly added to the enjoyment of all, but more especially to the dancers.

About midnight supper was served, and the dancers must have been pleased to witness the terrific onslaughts made upon their confederates. Dancing was carried on until an early hour, and then previous to breaking up a second supper was indulged in, after which the company joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and so ended one of the most successful evenings Seoul has ever known.

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[REUTERS'S SPECIAL POLITICAL SERVICE.]

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

LONDON, December 13th.

The following are the results of Tuesday's polling:—

UNIONISTS.	LIBERALS.
Bridgewater	Newmarket
Torquay	Glamorganshire, E.
North Lonsdale	Govan
Ross	Leigh
Derry, South	Partick
Reigate Rye	Lanark N.W.
Bodmin	Montrose Burghs
Oswestry	Bosworth
Essex, S.E.	LABOURITES.
Woodstock	Staffs, N.W.
	NATIONALISTS.
	Wicklow, E.
	Cork Co., S.E.
	Cork Co., Mid.
	Tyrone, Mid.

STATE OF THE POLL.

The results of the election so far are:—

Liberal	109
Labour	36
Nationalist (Redmondite)	59
Unionist (O'Brienite)	8
Unionist	240

Members elected 542
to be elected 128

PARTY GAINS.

Unionists	23
Liberals	19
Labour	4
Nationalist	1

UNIONIST GAINS.

The Unionists have gained:

Late member.	Majority overthrown.
Torquay, Sir Francis Barrett, L.	11
Bodmin, Mr. C. A. Grenfell, L.	50
LIBERAL GAIN.	
Newmarket, Mr. H. Vorrall, U.	120
NATIONALIST GAIN.	
Tyrone, Mid., Mr. G. F. Branskill, C.	405

TARIFF REFORM PROSPECTS.

LONDON, December 14th.

The "Morning Post" says that it is impossible to ignore the grave situation of the Unionist Party. The result of the elections so far is unfortunate, and it is an impracticable proposal to submit a Tariff Budget to the Referendum. The Tariff Reformers had no quarrel with the old constitution, and they should make that fact a starting point in their next campaign. In any event Tariff Reformers must immediately insist on having a clear course in their association with the Unionist party.

THE BRITISH SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION.

The Terra Nova, which left Wellington, N.Z., last month, will make her way to MacMurdo Strait, where Lieutenant Evans will give up command of the ship to Lieutenant Pennell. Lieutenant Evans will leave with the majority of the Western party, and Captain Scott will proceed in the Terra Nova to King Edward VII. Land.

It is hoped that Lieutenant Campbell and his party will be landed at the King Edward VII. Land about February 1, but nobody has over succeeded in landing there. His party will consist of six men. When the Eastern party has landed, Captain Scott will return to MacMurdo Strait, but long before this Lieutenant Evans will have started with a party of 12 men, eight ponies, 20 dogs, and the motor-sledge to lay depots. The depot party will be away for ten weeks preparing depots for the great southern journey, which will begin in October next.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR AND SEA TRAVELLING.

The Lokalanzeiger states that the Congress of Shipbuilding Engineers on November 18th the Emperor congratulated the Hamburg engineer, Herr Frahm, the inventor of a "pitching tank" to prevent the rolling of ships, and expressed the hope that the system would soon be introduced on board all vessels.

Herr Frahm read a paper demonstrating upon a model the effects of the invention, which consists of U-shaped tanks extending from port to starboard through the hold. The water in them rises and falls as the ship rolls so as to neutralize the rhythmical movement of the latter. The tanks have been tested on the two Hamburg-American liners *Tyrrangia* and *Coronado*. These vessels, plying between Buenos Ayres and Hamburg this summer without tanks, rolled up to eleven degrees on each beam. This was reduced to two degrees when the tanks were in operation.

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GREEK POLITICS.

LONDON, December 14th.

The elections for the Greek Chamber on the question of revising the constitution have resulted in the victory of M. Venizelos.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE IN YUNNAN.

The *Avenir du Tonkin* (Haiphong), referring to the arrival of a cargo boat with German material destined for the installation of a blast furnace at the tin mines in the neighbourhood of Mongtze, remarks that following upon this there had arrived from Hongkong more German material destined for Yunnan. "It is always the great houses of Carlowitz," says the journal, "that does business with the mandarins, the merchants and the manufacturers of Yunnan. They bring in machines and merchandise from Germany, but never from France. That important house has already developed a large business in Yunnan." It furnished more than 20 millions of war material which passed through Szechuan to get to Yunnan before the railway was opened to traffic; it has delivered more than 300,000 francs worth of field glasses and optical instruments and all the artillery necessary for the artillery in Yunnan. The journal goes on to say that when the German blast furnaces get to work, the houses of Carlowitz, having been the importer of the machinery, will become the exporter of the industrial products of Yunnan. They have already been inquiring not only of the French companies but of all companies at Hongkong the freight charges for the metals they will soon be sending to Hamburg and Avers. All these things are cited by our French contemporary to show the need for greater activity on the part of the French merchants in a country which by reason of the great sacrifices of human life and money France has made in constructing the railway to Yunnan ought to be a zone in which French influence is paramount.

CONTEMPT OF COURT AT SHANGHAI.

At the Mixed Court on the 8th instant, before Mr. Sun, Assistant Magistrate, and Mr. F. W. Hadley, American Assessor, Tsang Wah-chu, manager of the *Universal Gazette*, a Chinese newspaper printed at No. 7, Shantung Road, was again brought up on a Mixed Court warrant charged with printing and publishing or causing to be printed and published a certain contemptuous article and a certain insulting cartoon of and against the complainant, F. W. Hadley, U.S. Mixed Court Assessor. Mr. Montague Harris appeared for the defence.

It will be remembered, says the *Mercury*, that the contemptuous article and insulting cartoon referred to in the charge were published some weeks ago in a Chinese newspaper called the *Kuoh See-pao*, at the time when a deadlock arose between Mr. Pao Yi, the senior Magistrate, and the American Assessor. When the case was before the Court on Tuesday last the defendant was questioned by Mr. Hadley and admitted that the *Taichi* was the proprietor of the *Universal Gazette* and that a portion of the paper's promises were lent to the *Kuoh See-pao*. A fine of \$200 was imposed and immediately paid.

CHINESE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The President of the Board of Finance has stated in the Council of State Affairs that in all foreign countries the profits of the railways are looked upon as government revenues. It is a large sum and has a most important bearing on the national finance. In late years all sorts of fraudulent practices have repeatedly come to light in connection with the management of the railways already completed and there has been considerable delay and waste of money in connection with those under construction. At the present moment when both public and private finances stand greatly in need of readjustment it is absolutely necessary that the accounts of the railways whether managed by the officials or by the merchants, should be inspected. He therefore proposed that the Board be empowered to appoint two controllers for each railway from amongst the straightforward and trustworthy officials and gentry, whose sole duty it is to examine the accounts. The members of the Council are favourable to the proposal and a memorial will shortly be presented to the Throne on the subject.

PEKING RAILWAY SCHOOL.

An indication of the interest taken by the Central Government in the future of railways in China, marks a Consular report, is afforded by the establishment in September, 1901, in connection with the Ministry of Communications at Peking of a school for training railway officials. The school is built for 500 students, but the number is at present limited to 350, who come from all parts of the Empire and vary in age from eighteen to twenty-five. There are about thirty teachers, including one British, one American (a drill sergeant), two French, and two Germans. Most of the teachers are returned Chinese students abroad, and they are well paid. The full course is three years and the students are divided into three sections according to the foreign language, English, French, or German, taught them in addition to other subjects. The curriculum includes Chinese language, drill, geography, history of Chinese language, mathematics, drawing, chemistry, physics, ethics of commerce, traffic management, railway book-keeping, elements of engineering, steam and electricity, workshop, administration and railway company law.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The Nishin Kisen Kaisha (Japan) China Steamship Company has declared a dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum. The Kaisha's operations are confined to the River Yangtze.

Captain Sandberg, late of the *Korea*, is retiring from the Pacific Mail service. The *Korea* is now commanded by Captain J. W. Sandberg, who was formerly skipper of the *Manchuria*, and has latterly been master of the *Pennsylvania* on the Panama run.

The *Nagasaki Press* mentions that some indignation was caused recently in Shimoda by the action of a foreign steamer in passing the Straits at full speed shortly after midnight. It is customary for steamers to reduce their speed when making the passage; the omission to do so on this occasion caused more or less damage to small craft moored off the shore.

The fine cargo steamer *Katow*, of 6,200 tons deadweight capacity, and built during 1895, has been sold through Messrs. Samuel Sams & Co's Kato office to Mr. K. Kishimoto, of Osaka, who recently purchased through the same firm the steamers *Reira* (Buckall Line) and *Japan* (P. and O.S.N. Co.).

The *Japan Gazette* reports that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co's steamer *Hingang* has also been sold to Messrs. Yamaki & Co., of Tokyo, through Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., the local agents for the line. The *Hingang* is of 2,412 tons gross, and was built in Sunderland in 1890.

The Yokohama Dock Co. has opened a third dry dock. The ceremony was attended by nearly one thousand guests, including some foreign residents. The chief characteristics of the new dock are:—Length, 491 feet; width of entrance, 68 feet; depth of water on blocks, 21½ feet. The cost of the construction is reported to be ¥430,000. The pumping installation attached to the new dock comprises two large pumps and one small pump of the Iguchi pattern, designed by Dr. Iguchi, Professor of the Tokyo Imperial University. The two large pumps are capable of pumping out ten thousand tons of water an hour. The Yokohama Dock Co. was congratulated upon the completion of its new dock to meet the demands of the shipping community, especially in view of the forthcoming opening of the Panama Canal.

The Hamburg-American Line announces that, besides the great new 60,000-ton steamer which is being built for its Transatlantic traffic, it has 14 other steamers building, with a joint cargo capacity of 110,000 tons. Including these new constructions, the Hamburg-American fleet has a total gross tonnage of 1,022,452 registered tons.

The Commonwealth of Australia has decided not to accept the proposal of the Canadian Government to renew the service of mail steamers running between Vancouver and Australia, and calling only at Auckland and Sydney.

The first two steamers to enter Singapore harbour flying the standard of the new Commonwealth of Australia, says the *Strait Times*, were the *Currie* and *Darius*, which, arrived from Australian ports. The new standard is, in groundwork, the Red Ensign, with a Union Jack in the left top corner, with five small stars to symbolise the five states in the union and a large star to represent, presumably, the fusion of the different provinces.

Another monster of the sea is to be built. There is now building for the White Star Line in Belfast yards a floating palace which, for size and luxury, will eclipse anything that sails the ocean, but the Cunard Company have decided to beat even this. They have asked the British shipbuilders to draw up specifications for the largest liner yet designed. This, it is estimated, will cost £2,000,000. Other facts about her are: Length, 885 feet. Tonnage, 50,000. Speed, 23 knots. In nearly every particular this modern marvel will be mistress of the seas. The fitting of the new ship will be the last work in luxury. Every device that can add to the comfort of passengers will be used, and the special attractions will be:—A Turkish bath. A swimming pool. A theatre stage. She will accommodate 650 first saloon, 740 second saloon, and 2,400 third saloon passengers. It may be that two vessels of this type will be built, but it is understood that much depends upon whether Government will give a subsidy.

Short-time work, meaning a reduction of twenty-four hours weekly, has been introduced at Cammell and Laird's shipyard. There is much distress.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 14th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately to considerably over S. Japan and the Loo-Chooos, and risen moderately on the coast of China.

A shallow depression, which will probably move towards N.E. has appeared over the Eastern Sea to the W. of the Loo-Chooos. The anti-cyclonic area of the Upper Yangtze valley and pressure remains low over the S. Philippines and adjacent waters.

Very strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong: rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 10.4, 0.0 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood: N. winds, fresh or strong; fine.
Formosa Channel: N. and N.E. winds, strong.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Loo-Chooos: Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE
[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS,"]

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a copy of a letter which was addressed to me, as Corresponding Secretary in Hongkong, by the Royal Colonial Institute in London, and shall be glad to know whether you or your readers have any suggestions to make in regard to the matters which are referred to in that letter, and which have remained in abeyance during my absence from the Colony.

In the meanwhile I shall be pleased to receive the names of any British subjects who desire to become non-resident members of the Institute which has been the means of stimulating a widespread interest in the affairs of the Empire.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. POLLOCK.
5, Queen's Road Central.
14th December, 1910.

[Copy.]
Royal Colonial Institute,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W. C.
24 March, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—In a desire to extend the influence and usefulness of the Institute in the various overseas dominions, the Council propose to form in Hongkong a local centre so that the Fellows may be brought more into touch with the work of the Institute, as well as into touch with one another by means of local meetings and other social gatherings. It is the opinion of the Council that the formation of such a local centre, with yourself or someone you may suggest as Hon. Secretary, would do much towards popularising the Institute and bringing it to the notice of leading men in your Colony. The Council will be glad if you will let them know your views regarding this question, and what in your opinion would be the proper course to pursue in regard to your part of the Empire.

I enclose a general statement of objects and advantages of the Institute which might form the basis of a lecture to be delivered at a general meeting of the Fellows called to discuss the subject.

An early reply, together with an expression of your opinion, will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES W. BOOSE,
Secretary.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., M.L.C.,
Hongkong.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

R.E. V. R.O.A.

This league match was played yesterday afternoon at the Happy Valley, and resulted in a win for the Engineers by 21 runs. Scores:

R.E. and DEPARTMENTALS.	
Mr. Williams, c Crawford, b Paris	0
Mr. McGregor, c Crawford, b Paris	17
Mr. Bell, c Crawford, b Paris	13
Mr. Taylor, c Paris, b Garnett	36
Mr. Foster, not out	0
Mr. Ferguson, c Swanton, b Garnett	0
Mr. Sir J. Fyler, c Paris, b Garnett	0
Mr. Davidson, b Garnett	0
Mr. M.S. Davis, c Swanton, b Paris	10
Mr. Collins, c b Paris	4
Extras	12
Total	127

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Capt. Crawford, c and b Taverner	65
Mr. Hitchcock, b Taverner	4
Capt. Garnett, b Addition	6
Mr. Paris, c Davidson, b Addition	13
Mr. Bagnall, b Taverner	0
Mr. Thicknesse, run out	1
Mr. Swanton, b b Addition	4
Capt. Burgess, b Taverner	0
Mr. Brannigan, b Addition	0
Mr. Watts, c and b Taverner	5
Mr. Goodall, not out	7
Extras	7
Total	106

POLICE V. PRESS.

The happy relations between the Police and the Press were demonstrated again yesterday afternoon, when the Police met a team drawn from the local newspapers, supplemented by outside help, in a cricket match at Happy Valley. The result was a win for the "Press," largely due to the poor fielding of their opponents. The scores are:

PRESS.	
W. Saunders, b Cooper	4
F. Hicks, b Reynolds	7
W. Smart, c and b Reynolds	1
D. Campbell, c Ogg, b Cooper	1
E. B. Ammerley, c Hoggarth, b Reynolds	10
H. B. Collins, c Cooper	14
E. H. Ayres, b McLennan	12
J. D. Norris, not out	14
A. E. Ellis, b McLennan	14
A. Bawney, c Withers, b McLennan	0
G. Turner, c and b McLennan	0
Extras	6
Total	78

POLICE.

Pitt, retired	29
Cooper, c Norris, b Smart	12
Ogg, c Smart, b Hicks	9
Burford, b Saunders	24
Hoggarth, b Hicks	23
McLennan, b Hicks	1
Reynolds, b Smart	10
Spillitt, c Ammerley, b Hicks	0
Watt, not out	0
Withers, run out	0
Glendonning, c and b Smart	3
Extras	3
Total	114

CHESS.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Chess Club Mr. J. Feinstein will give an exhibition on simultaneous play against 12 tables, this evening at 5.15 p.m. in the City Hall Library. Those interested in chess are cordially invited to attend.

A fashionable photographer has undoubtedly attained the pinnacle of artistic achievement. A woman with a decided squint came to him for a photograph. "Will you permit me," he said promptly, "to take your portrait in profile? There is a certain shyness about one of your eyes which is difficult in art as it is fascinating in nature."

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

The *Jiji* says a certain British firm in Seoul has started the exportation of Chosen beans to Europe, and quite recently shipped two thousand bags to London and Marseilles. Owing to the increasing demand on the European market this year, the firm is now busily engaged in purchasing from various quarters in the peninsula. Some German merchants in Chosen also propose starting business in the export of beans.

The silk manufacturers of Russia are reported to be enthusiastic over the prospect of obtaining their raw material at Moscow in only about 12 days from Japan, as a result of the through traffic agreement just concluded between the Japanese and Russian railway administrations. By the present trade channel it has to be imported by the circuitous route *via* Suez and Lyons or Milan, requiring over 2 months in transit. The difference of interest on the capital involved alone, it is suggested, will be sufficient to infuse new life in the silk manufacturing industry of Moscow in particular, and there is no knowing how soon that Russian city might succeed in making itself the silk trade centre of Europe.

The promising condition of cotton cultivation in Siam has given rise in Japan to the formation of a joint stock company styled the Siam Cotton Company with a capital of about Yen 5,000,000, reports the *Japan Times*. The promoters are Baron Shibusawa, Messrs. Hihiya, Kakimura and several other leading men in the Japanese spinning circles. A committee is being sent to Siam to investigate the prospects of cotton growing there. The committee will be accompanied by Mr. Fujii, medical advisor to the Siamese Court, who is interested in the industry. The committee will stay in Siam till next spring. It is said that the Siamese product can compete in quality with the Indian cotton and the climatic conditions of the country are favourable to the cultivation of the plant. Siamese cotton is imported into Japan through Shanghai and is highly appreciated by Japanese spinning concerns.

No progress was made during the past year in the preparation of any general regulations for the protection of trade-marks, but the local authorities in Shanghai, says the *British Consul-General*, have shown their readiness to check infringement of trade-marks by issuing proclamations against the practice and by bringing instances of such infringement before the courts. In order to check any tendency to make use of such proclamations merely for purposes of advertisement they are only issued when a clear case of fraudulent imitation has been proved, and it has been shown that the foreign firm has really suffered loss. The Consul-General admits that up to the present this system has been found moderately successful in Shanghai, but it is evident that its success depends entirely on the readiness of each local official to issue and enforce such proclamations, and it is of great importance that a uniform system ensuring protection in all parts of the Empire should be introduced without delay.

THE LONDON RUBBER MARKET.

DEALINGS IN SHARES.

Writing on November 20th a contributor to a London paper said:

The more hopeful feeling which became manifest in rubber circles last week has been accompanied, although no sensational events are likely to occur yet awhile. Confidence and stability have, nevertheless, been restored to a point calculated to dissipate uneasiness as to the future course of the market for shares generally. Dealings have not shown much life, nor are they likely to do so just at present, as the market is being held by the country being plunged in the throes of a grave constitutional crisis. All the same, there has been a growing inclination to pick up shares on occasional little set-backs, while the fundamental conditions of the market are being gradually consolidated.

The brighter trade outlook for rubber itself means a good deal for the people interested in rubber shares. Shares have depreciated enormously, and although there has been an appreciable recovery from the worst, the tone of the market is generally much more cheerful, and should the hoped-for recovery in the rubber trade in connection with United States demands, the chances are that the share market may be aroused into considerable activity. The array of increases in output shown by many producing companies in the Middle East is calculated eventually to attract fresh interest on the part of the investing public, giving a steady removal of the demand for substitutes.

Very little, if indeed, anything, is now heard about rubber substitutes, or of accumulating unsold stocks of rubber, and an explanation of this may be that the manufacturing trades have begun to take more interest in the market for raw material, their future depending quite as much upon a regular supply of the commodity as upon the securing of an adequate outlet for their products.

That an expansion of legitimate trade is in progress has been demonstrated further, not only by the slow process of recuperation going on in the market for the Brazilian product, but by the results of the plantation rubber sales this week in Mincing-lane, when about 255 tons were catalogued. Opening at an advance of about 4d. a lb., with an active demand, prices improved steadily, thanks to maintained brisk competition for practically all kinds, and the improvement ultimately reached 6d. to 9d. a lb., although slight variations ensued from the top prices. Very few lots were left unsold. Amongst the prices realised at the sales were the following: Smoked sheets:—Malacca 6s. 8d., Chersonese 6s. 8d., Sokong 6s. 8d., Highlands 6s. 7d., Vallambrosa 6s. 7d., Laba 6s. 6d., Bukit Rajah 6s. 6d., Sengat Krian 6s. 5d., Federated Selangor 6s. 5d., Straits Borneo 6s. 5d., and Jong Lenda 6s. 2d. Unsold sheets:—Malacca 6s. 2d., Chersonese 6s. 2d., Sokong 6s. 2d., Highlands 6s. 2d., Vallambrosa 6s. 2d., Laba 6s. 2d., Bukit Rajah 6s. 2d., Sengat Krian 6s. 2d., Federated Selangor 6s. 2d., Straits Borneo 6s. 2d., and Jong Lenda 6s. 2d. For pale crepe 6s. 3d. was paid for Hattangula, this being an unusually fine lot, 6s. 2d. for Caledonia and Matang, 6s. 1d. for Labu, and 6s. 1d. for Harpenden and Sungey Croft. Bata Tega smoked crepe sold at 6s. 2d., St. George crepe 6s. 4d., Bandahapala crepe 6s. 4d., Consolidated Malay pale crepe 6s. 4d., and Donnakanda pale crepe 6s. 3d.

The auctions, indeed, went off fully up to the highest expectations, and this, coupled with the firmer market for fine hard Para, serves to strengthen the impression that the general demand for the product is steadily mounting. Consumers who lately bought plantation rubber at 6s. a lb. for delivery over the whole of 1911 seem to have done well for themselves. It is understood that there have been further inquiries for forward contracts of plantation crops, but producers are less easy to deal with.

THE JAPANESE TARIFF.

OBJECT-LESSON FOR LANCA SHIRE.

In a report to the Board of Trade on the question of the Japanese Tariff the Manchester Chamber of Commerce states that "this sudden and startling increase in the tariff would be intelligible if it were the desire of the Japanese Government to put an end to the importation of British cotton goods, which is such an important factor in the commercial relations between the two countries. If, however, the proposed new duties are designed for revenue purposes only, it seems pitiable they will defeat their own purpose, because the greatly enhanced cost of such goods to the Japanese consumer must result in a serious diminution of the demand if not the extinction of the trade. The new tax is more than the present duty, and the consumption tax together. The protective effort is obvious, as the consumption tax is to be done away with after the adoption of the new Tariff, consequently native manufacturers will pay nothing further. It appears that the late increases are made so high to enable the Japanese Government to have a large margin to bargain with in subsequent conventional treaties. It is well known that grey and white shirtings are having a great struggle to maintain themselves with the present scale of duties, but with such increases as those proposed the position of these articles will be hopeless, and many others will be practically in the same position. With reference to the cotton yarn section of the Tariff, it is difficult to understand the motive for raising the duty. The present tariff has almost killed the trade, as it is by comparison with Japanese yarns by the fact that the Japanese cost of labour is very low and the hours worked are long and that Japan enjoys comparative nearness to certain sources of cotton supply. Seeing that the trade is already so crippled the only change that would concern British merchants and spinners would be a reduction of the present rates."

It is observed from a note to the new tariff that the Japanese Government intend to do away with the various duties by which conventional duties are enjoyed by certain countries. First, the British Comers' Treaty of 1894, which came into force in 1899 and was to be operative until July, 1911, is not to be renewed. Great Britain will lose any advantage which she has at present under the most-favoured-nation clause. Some fears have been expressed that this will in fact be the case, arising from a recent utterance of Count Komura, who is said to have expressed the opinion that the most-favoured-nation treatment ought to be withdrawn from Great Britain. He may only have meant that all commercial treaties should be done away with, but if any treaty giving lower duties should be made and Great Britain is not to have the benefit of it, this would be manifestly most unfair treatment of a country that affords the lowest duties to all Japanese exports. No doubt your Department will watch this point carefully. As long as there is a conventional duty granted to any country which is lower than the general tariff Great Britain is in all fairness entitled to its provisions."

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS.

"THE TIMES."

We congratulate the Japanese Government on their decision, which we announce to-day, to discuss the grievances urged by British exporters against the new Japanese tariff, which comes into force next year. We need hardly say, of that tariff that it has a very real and a very genuine sympathy and support. Japan has every right to claim without delay that full autonomy in her fiscal arrangements which she secured in her judicial arrangements more than sixteen years ago. Her achievements have long raised her far above the status of a vassal country, and she is entitled to demand that the supervision of interested foreign Powers; and that the British eagerness of her to pick up shares on occasional little set-backs, while the fundamental conditions of the market are being gradually consolidated. The brighter trade outlook for rubber itself means a good deal for the people interested in rubber shares. Shares have depreciated enormously, and although there has been an appreciable recovery from the worst, the tone of the market is generally much more cheerful, and should the hoped-for recovery in the rubber trade in connection with United States demands, the chances are that the share market may be aroused into considerable activity. The array of increases in output shown by many producing companies in the Middle East is calculated eventually to attract fresh interest on the part of the investing public, giving a steady removal of the demand for substitutes.

Very little, if indeed, anything, is now heard about rubber substitutes, or of accumulating unsold stocks of rubber, and an explanation of this may be that the manufacturing trades have begun to take more interest in the market for raw material, their future depending quite as much upon a regular supply of the commodity as upon the securing of an adequate outlet for their products. That an expansion of legitimate trade is in progress has been demonstrated further, not only by the slow process of recuperation going on in the market for the Brazilian product, but by the results of the plantation rubber sales this week in Mincing-lane, when about 255 tons were catalogued. Opening at an advance of about 4d. a lb., with an active demand, prices improved steadily, thanks to maintained brisk competition for practically all kinds, and the improvement ultimately reached 6d. to 9d. a lb., although slight variations ensued from the top prices. Very few lots were left unsold. Amongst the prices realised at the sales were the following: Smoked sheets:—Malacca 6s. 8d., Chersonese 6s. 8d., Sokong 6s. 8d., Highlands 6s. 7d., Vallambrosa 6s. 7d., Laba 6s. 6d., Bukit Rajah 6s. 6d., Sengat Krian 6s. 5d., Federated Selangor 6s. 5d., Straits Borneo 6s. 5d., and Jong Lenda 6s. 2d. Unsold sheets:—Malacca 6s. 2d., Chersonese 6s. 2d., Sokong 6s. 2d., Highlands 6s. 2d., Vallambrosa 6s. 2d., Laba 6s. 2d., Bukit Rajah 6s. 2d., Sengat Krian 6s. 2d., Federated Selangor 6s. 2d., Straits Borneo 6s. 2d., and Jong Lenda 6s. 2d. For pale crepe 6s. 3d. was paid for Hattangula, this being an unusually fine lot, 6s. 2d. for Caledonia and Matang, 6s. 1d. for Labu, and 6s. 1d. for Harpenden and Sungey Croft. Bata Tega smoked crepe sold at 6s. 2d., St. George crepe 6s. 4d., Bandahapala crepe 6s. 4d., Consolidated Malay pale crepe 6s. 4d., and Donnakanda pale crepe 6s. 3d.

Great Britain alone, but it has we doubt not been conceived with a particular desire to study and, if possible, to most British views. The sincerely trust that it may serve to put the way to some modification which will satisfy the interest on both sides.

"EVENING STANDARD."

Japan has followed up her friendly action in placing an order for a Dreadnought with one of our yards by arranging for the despatch of a special commissioner to visit London in connection with the tariff which will come into force. According to the *Times*, Mr. Yabe is only empowered to give explanations and dissipate objections, but it is only reasonable to expect that his credentials may be expanded to pave the way for a compromise. British resentment at the new tariff has not been without effect in Japan. The alliance involved us in considerable risks as well as positive annoyances while the war lasted. We shall not soon forget the Dogger Bank incident or the seizure of the *Albatross*. All this seemed to point for nothing with our allies when they abolished the special low rates we enjoyed since 1894, put us on a level with other nations, and then raised the tariff on our goods a second time. By this process 66 per cent. will be added to the duties on our goods, a heavy handicap which excludes a million pounds worth of our cottons and woollens. Objections to such an unneighborly act can hardly be "dissipated" or "explained" away. Something more may be expected.

"PALL MALL GAZETTE."

The new Japanese tariff is undoubtedly a grievance in this country, though, of course, we admit that our ally has a perfect right to tax her imports within reasonable limits. The most sensible of us wish we had the same power, and look forward to the day when we shall have regained it. At the same time, it is interesting to read in to-day's *Times* that public opinion in Japan is condemning the way in which imports from friendly and allied Britain are being taxed; and that a Special Commissioner from the Japanese Finance Department is on the point of leaving for London to confer with our statesmen and merchants on the matter, in a sympathetic spirit. This step is regarded as an expression of the supreme value which the Japanese people set upon British goodwill and the Alliance. As such it will be appreciated, and the spirit of it will be sincerely reciprocated. As to the results of the conference which will take place, speculation would, of course, be unwise and unseemly. We may receive some concessions on account of our special manufactures or we may not. Now, however, the very gratification which to-day's news affords is a rather humiliating reminder of the position of utter helplessness, and the measure of dependence on the goodwill of others, in which we are placed by our present system of so-called Free Trade.

GERMAN PORT WORKS.

IMMENSE SUM TO BE SPENT AT HAMBURG.

(FROM A "WESTMINSTER GAZETTE" CORRESPONDENT.)

Berlin, Nov. 14.

The November number of *Die Flotte* publishes a detailed account of the very important works which are being undertaken for the improvement and extension of the port of Hamburg. On these works no less than £10,000,000 will be spent in the next four years. Part of the works are to be carried out under the name of "Kohlbrand 1909" in regard to the improvement of the routes to Hamburg, Altona, and Harburg; and they consist of the widening and deepening of existing channels, the construction of new channels connecting the existing harbours, the construction of several new basins, and a railway tunnel under the Kohlbrand branch of the Elbe, which will connect the harbour works to the west with those to the east.

To the south of the Elbe the harbour will be made a new channel for the use of large river barges, which will thus be kept clear of the track of going ships. The harbour known as Kesselerhafen will be prolonged and deepened to 9 metres. The Oderhafen, at present used only for river vessels, will be deepened to the same depth and adapted for sea ships, and alongside these two harbours spaces will be cleared for over a mile of warehouses. The Kohlbrand channel will be deepened. At Muehlenberg a new basin will be made, which will be connected with the Elbe by a new basin for the new basins and a railway in the tunnel above-mentioned. The works at the Kohlbrand branch of the Elbe are in Prussian territory, but with the consent of the Bundesrat they will be included in the Hamburg "free harbour" district. The existing Customs line will be pushed back to the west, being marked by a string of barges. Of the estimated £10,000,000 cost, £1,800,000 will go on the work provided for in the treaty with Prussia, £2,250,000 will be spent on harbour-making, and the rest will be absorbed in dredging the different branches of the Elbe, railway building, and tunnelling. The fact that between the years 1825 and 1888 Hamburg spent practically the same sum of £10,000,000 on harbour improvement shows the energy with which the people of the Hanse City are pursuing the ambition to make their port the greatest in the world.

Germany is showing equal energy in extending her inland waterways. Rapid progress is being made with the canal between Berlin and the Oder, which will make it possible for 600-ton vessels to reach the capital from the Baltic Sea. This canal is in part merely an improvement of the famous Finow canal built by Frederick the Great to connect the systems of the Elbe and the Oder. The improved canal is to have only four locks, each with a difference of level of 9 metres, instead of the original seventeen. Each lock takes two 600-ton boats at the same time, and are thus amongst the biggest in Europe. A ship-lift which will do the work more quickly will afterwards be built if traffic justifies the expense. Not far from Berlin the new canal joins the old one, the sandy soil is being found to be permeable, and the whole canal-bed has to be lined with concrete.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Subjoined is Messrs. Mocatta & Goldsmid's circular for November 18th:—

During the earlier part of the week under review the Silver Market exhibited great steadiness, fluctuating only between 253d. and 254d. On the 17th inst., however, there was a fall of 3d. due to money being dearer in Bombay, which, with the approaching "settle season," caused some re-selling from the quarter. To-day there has been a further fall of 3d. to 251½, which we quote with an unceremonious tendency. So much attention has lately been called to the large stocks of silver in London and Bombay that it is interesting to note that the stock of silver and bars in Shanghai is considerably less than at this time last year, which, with the China exchange on parity, has caused important purchases to be made for the quarter. The China banks, however, have frequently been able to buy more cheaply in India than here, and in view of the large stock in India and London, they do not show any inclination to anticipate their requirements.

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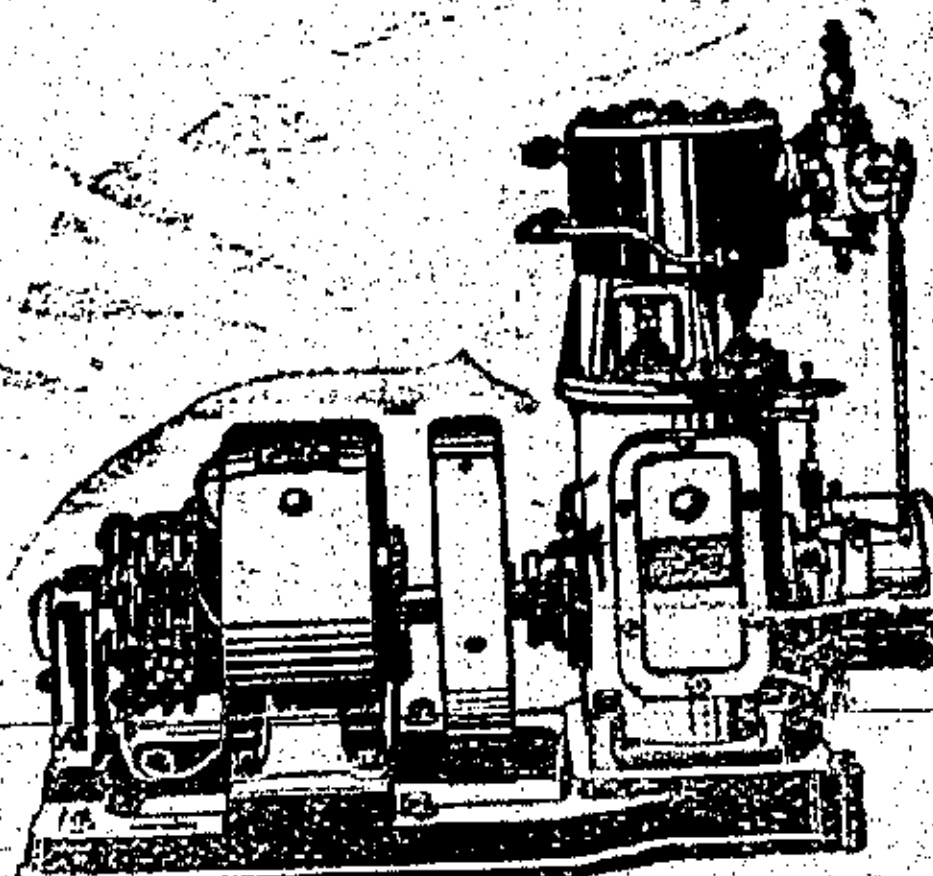
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China Trade Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$37 1/2
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$360
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 130, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$82 1/2
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$190, sellers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$99 1/2, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	\$50	\$5, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 105
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$39
West Point Building Co., Limited				
MINEING.				
Societe Francaise des Charbons de Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$800
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$5, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$13, sellers
Robinson Pine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$14, sellers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$124
Latou Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$22, sellers
Robinson Pine Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50
SEAMEN'S COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$20, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$30, sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$6, sel. L'edon
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$123
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$12 1/2
South China Morning Post, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$25
House Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$4, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$2 1/2
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sales
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$11 1/2, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only	\$10	\$10	\$300
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$6
RUBBERS.				
Allagars	750,000		all	5/-
Anglo-Malays	1,500,000	2/-	all	25/-
Balgownie	151,200	\$1	all	\$11 (Sta.)
Batu Tiga	70,000	\$1	all	\$0/-
Bukit Kajang	80,000	\$1	all	75/-
Castelfields, fully paid	30,000	\$1	all	117/6
Cheviots	70,000	\$1	all	13/9 prem.
Eastern and International	250,000	\$1	all	105/-
Highlands and Lowlands	307,143	\$1	all	6/6 prem.
Kamunings	1,825,000	\$1	all	15/6
Kuala Lumpur	180,000	\$1	all	68/9
Lahus	100,000	\$1	all	45/-
Ledbury	900,000	\$1	all	13/-
Lingris	1,256,000	\$1	all	13/-
London Asiatics				
London Ventures				
Merlmanns	1,750,000	\$1	all	33 (Sta.)
Pegohs	45,000	\$10	all	17/6 prem.
Penang Trans				
Sandycrofts	50,000	\$2	all	\$25 s. div. (Str.)
Seyongs	100,000	\$1	all	25/6
Shelfords	65,000	\$1	all	72/6
Singapore and Johore	125,000	\$2	all	\$12 (Str.)
Sumatra Paras	995,000	2/-	all	10/-
Sungei-Kapars	90,000	2/-	all	10/-
United Serdangs	170,000	\$1	all	112/6

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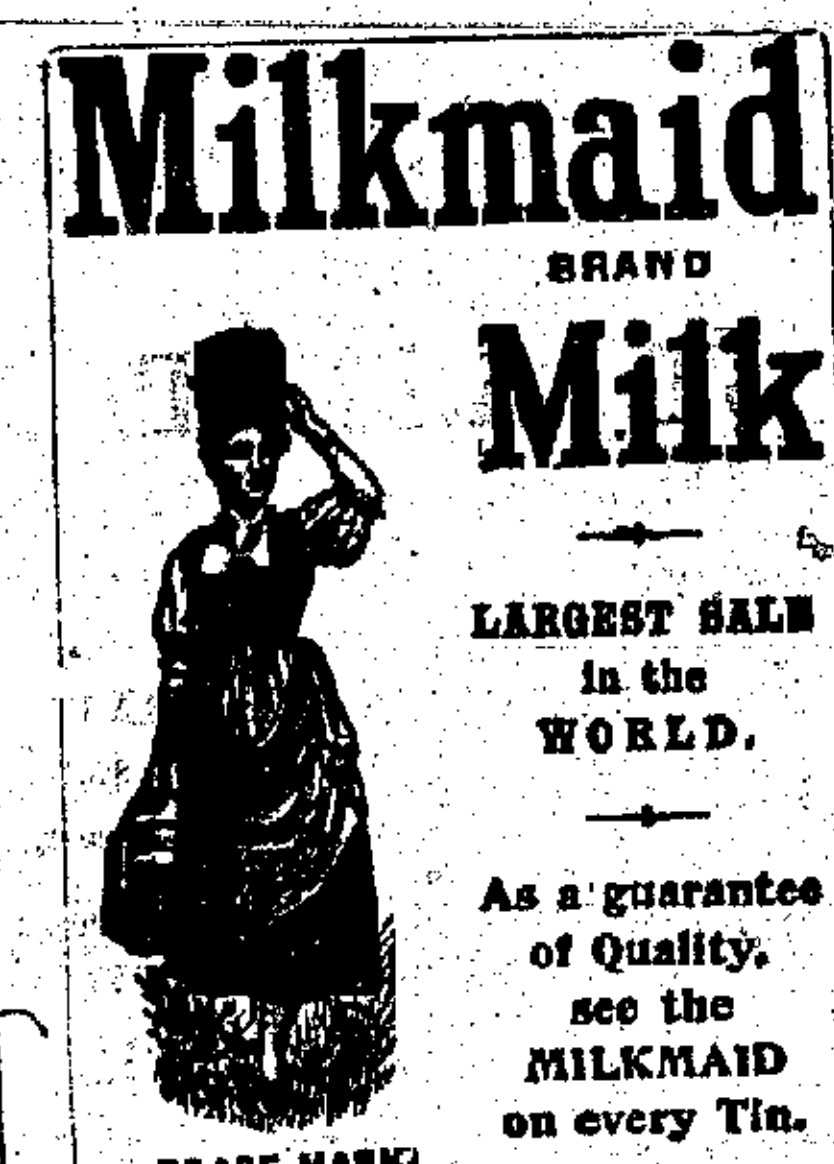
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